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	First Named Inventor	Tomonari Ohtsuki
	Group Art Unit	2839
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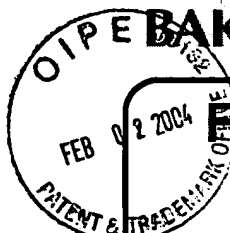
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Deposit Account Name: Baker Botts LLP

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE			
Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
740	370	Utility filing fee	
330	165	Design filing fee	
510	255	Plant filing fee	
740	370	Reissue filing fee	
160	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)			(\$ 0

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims: 20 ** = 0 x Fee from below = 0

Independent Claims: 3 ** = 0 x Fee from below = 0

Multiple Dependent Claims: =

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18	9	Claims in excess of 20	
84	42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
280	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
84	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
18	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (2)			(\$ 0

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130	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
50	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
130	130	Non-English specification	
2,520	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
920*	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1,840*	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
110	55	Extension for reply within first month	
400	200	Extension for reply within second month	
920	460	Extension for reply within third month	
1,440	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1,960	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
320	160	Notice of Appeal	
320	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
280	140	Request for oral hearing	
1,510	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
110	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1,280	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1,280	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
460	230	Design issue fee	
620	310	Plant issue fee	
130	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
50	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
180	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
40	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
740	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
740	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
740	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
900	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
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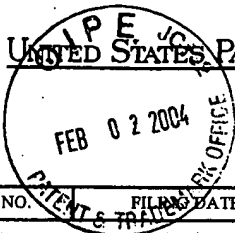
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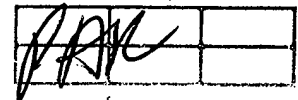
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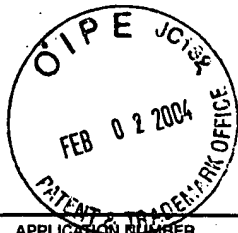
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NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

This application is abandoned in view of:

☒ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 12/18/02.

☐ A reply (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) was received on _____, which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.

☐ A proposed reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to the final rejection.

(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).

☒ No reply has been received.

☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).

☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance.

☐ The submitted fee of \$ _____ is insufficient. A balance of \$ _____ is due.

The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$ _____ The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$ _____.

☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.

☐ Applicant's failure to timely file new formal drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37).

☐ Proposed new formal drawings were received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.

☐ The proposed new formal drawings filed on _____ are not acceptable and the period for reply has expired.

☐ No proposed new formal drawings have been received.

☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.

☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.

☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.

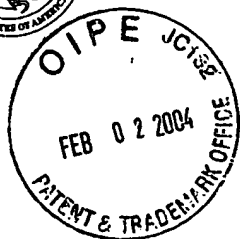
☐ The reason(s) below:

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In re Application of
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Application No. 09/975,114
Filed: October 11, 2001
Attorney Docket No. A34699

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181, filed September 15, 2003, to withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to respond to the non-final Office action within the shortened statutory period of three months from the mailing date of December 18, 2002. The application became abandoned on March 18, 2002 by operation of law.

Petitioner states that the non-final Office action was never received by applicant's representative and attests to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the non-final Office action was not received. The petition is accompanied by a copy of the docket record for March 18, 2003 and June 18, 2003, the three and six month dates from the non-final Office action mailing date.

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §711.03(c), it is the petitioner's burden to demonstrate that the non-final Office action was not in fact received at the correspondence address of record at the time it was mailed. The showing required to establish the failure to receive an Office action must include a statement from the practitioner stating that the Office action was not received by the practitioner and attesting to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office action was not received. A copy of the docket record where the non-received Office action would have been received had it been received and docketed must be attached to and referenced in the practitioner's statement. See "Withdrawing the Holding of Abandonment When Office Actions Are Not Received" 1156 Official Gazette 53 (November 16, 1993) and M.P.E.P. §711.03(c).

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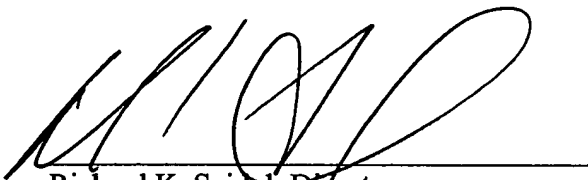
The docket record for March 18, 2003 and June 18, 2003 needs further explanation. Petitioner has not stated that the docket records for March 18, 2003 and June 18, 2003 are where the non-received Office action would have been entered had it been received and docketed.

The requirement that a copy of the docket record where the non-received Office action would have been entered had it been received and docketed be submitted and referenced in petitioner's statement as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 711.03(c) does not appear to be complied with.

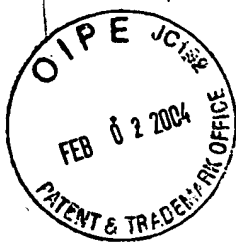
Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision.

Questions regarding this decision should be directed to Jose' G. Dees at (703) 308-4628.

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Richard K. Seidel, Director
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Serial No. : 09/975,114 Examiner : Nguyen, Khiem M.
Filed : October 11, 2001 Group Art Unit: 2839
For : ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION ON PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF
ABANDONMENT BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICE ACTION**

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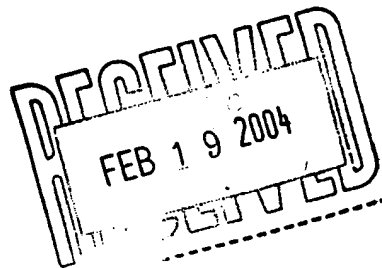
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On September 3, 2003, Attorneys for Applicant received a Notice of Abandonment for the failure to file a response to an Office Action dated December 18, 2002. A true and correct copy of the Notice of Abandonment is attached hereto.

Applicant's attorneys of record, Baker Botts LLP, however, never received a copy of the Office Action, and as such, could not reply to it. A search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office communication was not received.

In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 711.03(c) "Petition to withdraw holding of abandonment based on failure to receive office action," Applicant submits it never received the Office Action that was mailed on December 18, 2002 and therefore cannot respond to it.

Applicant's attorney sent a status letter to the Patent Office on July 9, 2003, stating that "our periodic docket check indicates that to date we have not received an Office Action in the above-referenced application." The stamp of the Patent Office Mailroom was dated July 14, 2003 on the return postcard.

A copy of the docket record for Paul Ragusa, the attorney of record in the instant application, for March 18, 2003 and June 18, 2003, the three and six month dates from the Office Action mailing date is enclosed herewith. The docket record shows no entry for the above-referenced application.

Applicant's attorney filed a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment based on the aforementioned facts. The Patent Office dismissed the petition on January 7, 2004 because the docket record needed further explanation. Applicant now offers further explanation and respectfully requests reconsideration of the petition.

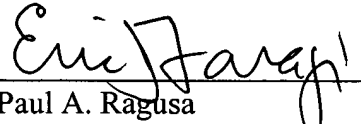
The docket record enclosed (previously and herewith), shows the files with actions due on March 18, 2003 and June 18, 2003 for Paul Ragusa, the attorney of record in the instant application. Thus, if the Office Action were received and docketed by Baker Botts LLP, the docket records for March 18, 2003 and June 18, 2003 are where the non-received Office Action would have been entered.

Applicant requests the holding of Abandonment of the application be withdrawn and a copy of the Office Action, redated to the mailing date of the Patent Office's response to this communication, to be resent.

Applicant does not believe that any fee is required in connection with the submission of this document. However, should any additional fee be required, or if any overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit or any overpayments made, to Deposit Account 02-4377.

Respectfully submitted,
BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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